Chief's Update February 3rd, 2012



As a reminder on December 5th, 2011 several command changes took place throughout the department. Specific to the Patrol Division, I now have North Patrol, Downtown, and Special Events while Commander Dave Humble has South Patrol and the Traffic Bureau. We both wanted to mention a few important topics that will be a reoccurring theme for the rest of this year.

Safety - If you haven't noticed yet, several new safety signs were placed at the exit gates of our PD facilities. These daily reminders, "Wear your vest, Wear your seatbelt, and Watch you Speed" are to help us stay focused on our number one priority – returning safe to our homes and families every day. You will also see new posters in our briefing rooms from the Below 100 Initiative. This campaign reminds us that it's been more than 65 years since the annual number of line-of-duty police deaths was fewer than 100. Please visit the attached link to learn more about the initiative. http://www.lawofficer.com/below100

Fighting Crime - One of our department goals this year is to reduce citywide Part I crime by 5%. This can be accomplished through our Enforcement, Prevention/Education, and Suppression efforts. In regards to enforcement we should be conducting good on-view activity such as: traffic stops, street checks, arrests, GMIC's, and providing enhanced police presence in our "Areas of Focus." The Areas of Focus have been determined using years of data which help us direct our efforts and resources to more effectively attack crime. Data only serves as our compass, we need a team effort with everyone to continually provide constant input if we are going to be successful.

Community – Years ago "Community Based Policing" was the buzz word or catch phrase in law enforcement. Many now say that Intel Led Policing is the new concept in policing. The reality is good departments and "good cops" have always practiced community based policing and used intelligence to investigate and solve crimes. Fortunately, technology has given us greater tools to sort data and direct resources but we must always remember that as public servants our true strength and support is derived from the community. It is imperative we get out of our cars and get to know the convenience store clerks, the faith based and business leaders, and our school administrators & staff. This will help us to understand the needs and concerns of our citizens and more effectively fight crime.

During the next month Patrol Command will be attending briefings to meet everyone and discuss the priorities of the Patrol Division. Thank you for all the great work.

Stay safe,

Kim & Dave